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The meeting was called to order at 10.30 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM 17: APPOINTMENTS TO FILL VACANCIES IN SUBSIDIARY ORGANS AND OTHER APPOINTMENTS

1. The CHAIRMAN read out rule 92 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly concerning elections and paragraph 16 of decision 34/401 concerning the election of members of subsidiary organs.

(a) APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS (A/48/101; A/C.5/48/20)

2. The CHAIRMAN drew the Committee's attention to rules 155 and 156 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and said that the Assembly needed to appoint five persons to fill the vacancies which would arise in the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on 31 December 1993. According to the Secretary-General's note (A/C.5/48/20), seven persons had been nominated by their Governments. If there was no objection he would take it that, in the case of the two regional groups for which the number of candidates corresponded to the number of vacancies, the Committee wished to take decisions by acclamation, it being understood that votes would be taken by secret ballot in the case of the other two regional groups.

3. It was so decided.

4. The CHAIRMAN said that if there was no objection he would take it that the Committee wished to recommend the appointment of Mr. Leonid Bidny (Russian Federation) for the group of Eastern European States as a member of the Advisory Committee for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1994.

5. It was so decided.

6. The CHAIRMAN read out the relevant provisions of rule 94 of the rules of procedure and said that there were two candidates for one vacancy in the case of the group of Latin American and Caribbean States and three candidates for two vacancies in the case of the group of Western European and other States. He therefore invited the Committee to take separate votes by secret ballot.

Group of Latin American and Caribbean States

7. At the invitation of the Chairman, Ms. Gounaris (Belgium), Mr. Elzimaity (Egypt) and Mr. Sastrawan (Indonesia) acted as tellers.

8. A vote was taken by secret ballot.

Number of ballot papers:	172
Number of invalid ballots:	13
Number of valid ballots:	159
Abstentions:	0

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Number of members voting:	159
Required majority:	80
Number of votes obtained:	
Mr. Fontaine-Ortiz	91
Mr. Clavijo	68

9. Mr. Fontaine-Ortiz (Cuba) having obtained the required majority, the Committee decided to recommend that he should be appointed as a member of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1994.

Group of Western European and other States

10. At the invitation of the Chairman, Mr. Teirlinck (Belgium), Ms. Serenade (Egypt) and Mr. Prasodjo (Indonesia) acted as tellers.

11. A vote was taken by secret ballot.

Number of ballot papers:	176
Number of invalid ballots:	1
Number of valid ballots:	175
Abstentions:	1
Number of members voting:	174
Required majority:	88
Number of votes obtained:	
Mrs. Eriksson Fogh	132
Mrs. Shenwick	102
Mr. Stitt	91

12. Mrs. Eriksson Fogh (Sweden) and Mrs. Shenwick (United States of America) having obtained the required majority, the Committee decided to recommend that they should be appointed as members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1994.

(b) APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONTRIBUTIONS (A/48/102 and Add.1; A/C.5/48/21)

13. The CHAIRMAN said that the note by the Secretary-General (A/48/102) indicated that, in accordance with rules 158 and 159 of the rules of procedure, the General Assembly needed to appoint seven persons to fill the vacancies which would arise in the Committee on Contributions on 31 December 1993. According to another note by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/48/21), eight persons had been nominated by their Governments for appointment or re-appointment. If there was no objection he would take it that, in the case of the three regional groups for which the number of candidates corresponded to the number of vacancies, the Committee wished to take decisions by acclamation, it being understood that a vote would be taken by secret ballot in the case of the group of Eastern European States.

14. It was so decided.

15. The CHAIRMAN said that if there was no objection he would take it that the Committee wished to recommend the appointment of Mr. Alvaro Gurgel de Alencar (Brazil) for the group of Latin American and Caribbean States, Mr. Li Yong (China) and Mr. Agha Shahi (Pakistan) for the group of Asian States, and Mr. Ugo Sessi (Italy) and Mr. Adrien Teirlinck (Belgium) for the group of Western European and other States as members of the Committee on Contributions for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1994.

16. It was so decided.

17. The CHAIRMAN said that for the group of Eastern European States there were two candidates for one vacancy and he invited the Committee to take a vote by secret ballot.

18. At the invitation of the Chairman, Ms. Gounaris (Belgium), Mr. Elzimaity (Egypt) and Mr. Sastrawan (Indonesia) acted as tellers.

19. A vote was taken by secret ballot.

Number of ballot papers:	175
Number of invalid ballots:	2
Number of valid ballots:	173
Abstentions:	3
Number of members voting:	170
Required majority:	86

Number of votes obtained:

Mr. Chulkov	86
Mr. Revenko	84

20. Mr. Chulkov (Russian Federation) having obtained the required majority, the Committee decided to recommend that he should be appointed as a member of the Committee on Contributions for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1994.

21. The CHAIRMAN, referring to document A/48/102/Add.1, said that the Australian Government had nominated Mr. Neil Hewitt Francis to fill the vacancy in the Committee on Contributions caused by the resignation of Mr. Peter Gregg (Australia) for the unexpired portion of Mr. Gregg's term, i.e. until 31 December 1995. If there was no objection he would take it that the Committee wished to recommend the appointment of Mr. Neil Hewitt Francis as a member of the Committee on Contributions for a term beginning on the date on which the General Assembly approved his appointment and ending on 31 December 1995.

22. It was so decided.

(c) APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF AUDITORS (A/48/103; A/C.5/48/22)

23. The CHAIRMAN said that in his notes A/48/103 and A/C.5/48/22 the Secretary-General informed the General Assembly of the need to appoint the Auditor-General (or officer holding the equivalent title) of a Member State to fill the vacancy which would arise in the Board of Auditors on 1 July 1994 and that the Government of Ghana had nominated the Auditor-General of Ghana for reappointment for a second term. There being only one candidate, if there was no objection he would take it that the Committee did not wish to take a vote by secret ballot.

24. It was so decided.

25. The CHAIRMAN said that if there was no objection he would take it that the Committee wished to recommend the appointment of the Auditor-General of Ghana to the Board of Auditors for a three-year term beginning on 1 July 1994.

26. It was so decided.

(d) CONFIRMATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE INVESTMENTS COMMITTEE (A/48/104; A/C.5/48/23)

27. The CHAIRMAN said that according to the notes by the Secretary-General the General Assembly needed to confirm the appointment of three persons nominated by the Secretary-General to fill the vacancies which would arise in the Investments Committee on 31 December 1993. If there was no objection he would take it that the Committee wished to recommend confirmation of the reappointment of Ms. Francine Bovich (United States of America), Mr. Jean Guyot (France) and Mr. Michiya Matsukawa (Japan) as members of the Investments Committee for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1994.

28. It was so decided.

(e) APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL (A/48/105; A/C.5/48/24)

29. The CHAIRMAN said that, in accordance with article 3, paragraphs 1 and 2, of the statute of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal, the General Assembly needed to appoint two persons to fill the vacancies which would arise in the Tribunal on 31 December 1993. In his note A/C.5/48/24 the Secretary-General mentioned the five persons nominated by their Governments. However, their number had since been reduced to four as Romania had withdrawn the nomination of Mr. Voicu. He read out the relevant provisions of rule 94 of the rules of procedure and invited the Committee to choose two of the four candidates by secret ballot.

30. At the invitation of the Chairman, Ms. Gounaris (Belgium), Mrs. Abdel-Karim (Egypt) and Mr. Sastrawan (Indonesia) acted as tellers.

31. A vote was taken by secret ballot.

Number of ballot papers:	171
Number of invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	171
Abstentions:	2
Number of members voting:	169
Required majority:	85
Number of votes obtained:	
Mr. Gabay	99
Mr. L. de Posadas Montero	82
Mr. Prandler	79
Mr. Lavalle Valdés	74

32. Mr. Gabay (Israel) having obtained the required majority, the Committee decided to recommend that he should be appointed as a member of the Administrative Tribunal for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1994.

33. The CHAIRMAN said that since one vacancy remained to be filled, in accordance with rule 94 of the rules of the procedure the Committee must take a second vote by secret ballot restricted to the two candidates who had obtained the largest numbers of votes out of the three candidates who had not obtained the required majority, i.e. Mr. L. de Posadas Montero and Mr. Prandler.

34. At the invitation of the Chairman, Ms. Gounaris (Belgium), Mrs. Abdel-Karim (Egypt) and Mr. Sastrawan (Indonesia) acted as tellers.

35. A vote was taken by secret ballot.

Number of ballot papers:	158
Number of invalid ballots:	2
Number of valid ballots:	156
Abstentions:	2
Number of members voting:	154
Required majority:	78
Number of votes obtained:	
Mr. L. de Posadas Montero	102
Mr. Prandler	52

36. Mr. L. de Posadas Montero (Uruguay) having obtained the required majority, the Committee decided to recommend that he should be appointed as a member of the Administrative Tribunal for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1994.

The meeting rose at 1.45 p.m.